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### **Paul S. DeGregorio**

**Vice Chairman, United States Election Assistance Commission**

Paul S. DeGregorio was nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by unanimous consent of the U.S. Senate on December 9, 2003, to serve an initial two-year term on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). Mr. DeGregorio was elected by his fellow Commissioners to serve as EAC Vice Chairman for 2005.

Mr. DeGregorio is nationally renowned in the elections field. His areas of expertise include U.S. election administration, democracy building, and international elections. In 2004, he received the NASS Freedom Award from the National Association of Secretaries of State in recognition of his accomplishments.

Prior to his appointment with EAC, Mr. DeGregorio served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES), a leading institution involved in the promotion of democracy worldwide. He was responsible for the organization's day-to-day operation, overseeing more than 400 employees in 23 countries. He has provided technical assistance in election administration in many countries, including Russia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Ukraine, Romania, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China, Slovakia, Georgia, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, and Japan. At IFES, Mr. DeGregorio also provided leadership on U.S. election reform initiatives and led a team that supplied technical advice in Florida and Missouri during the November 2002 elections.

From 1985 to 1993, Mr. DeGregorio served as Director of Elections for St. Louis County, Missouri's largest jurisdiction. During his tenure, he instituted major improvements in voter registration, training, accessibility, counting, and management procedures. He was recognized for his efforts in prosecuting voter fraud and drafting legislation to improve the electoral process. He served as Co-chair of the Missouri Election Reform Commission in 2001. A member of the International Association of Clerks, Records, and Election Officials (IACREOT) since 1986, during his tenure as Chairman of the Education and Training Committee, Mr. DeGregorio was credited with initiating the University of Missouri Chancellor's Certificate in Public Administration program for IACREOT members.

Mr. DeGregorio served for eight years as Director of Outreach Development for the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where he initiated and had oversight for four off-site campuses that served nearly 4,000 students. He also served as a Research Associate with the University's Center for International Studies. Mr. DeGregorio was a Special Assistant in President Ronald Reagan's administration and served as an assistant to John Ashcroft during his first term as Missouri Attorney General.

Mr. DeGregorio received his degree in political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is married to Kerry DeGregorio and has four daughters-Katie, Annie, Debbie, and Emily-as well as one granddaughter, Victoria.